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Changes in the Uterine Epithelium and in the Epithelium of  
other Organs

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 3, 7, and 8 for the corresponding paragraphs of the literal translation submitted concurrently. Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 through 30 of the literal translation are cancelled.

Please add the attached new claims 31-61 to the specification.